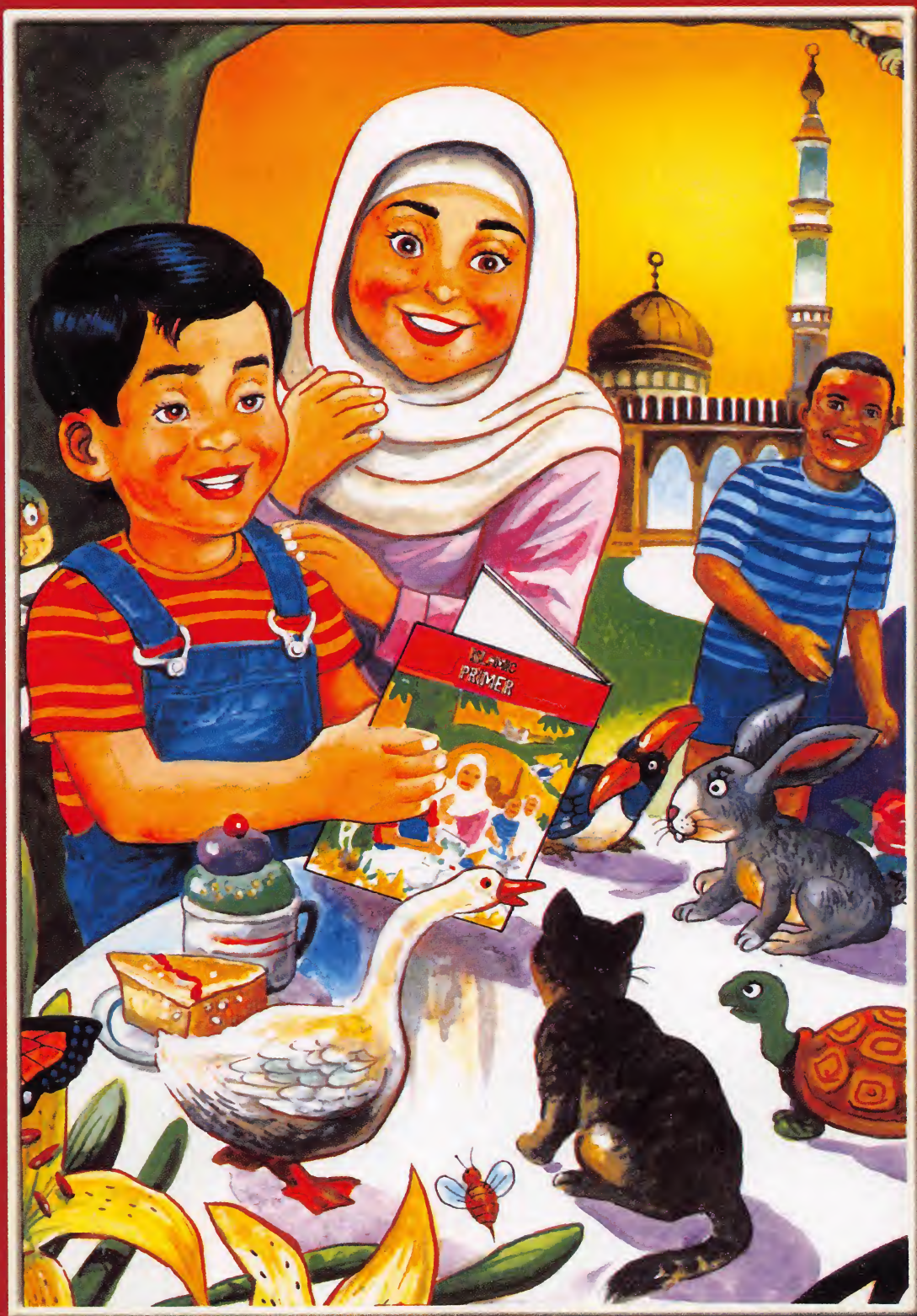


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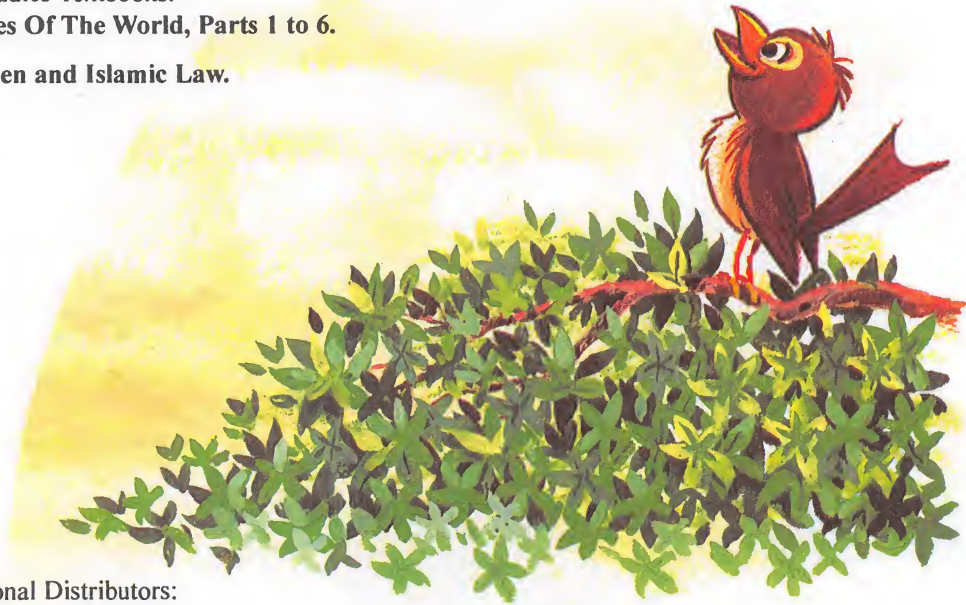
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PREFACE

This Islamic Primer presents a study of Islam in an attractive, comprehensive way. Islamic Primer enables a student to view Islam in all its aspects and to accept it as a way of life. Through it, he observes the impact of Islam on life as a whole and does not confine it to just a limited study of jurisprudence only.

The book guides the student in the various activities of his little world at school, at home and in the environment around him. A guide to correct behaviour and etiquette in the various stages and fields of life, this book moulds the student's attitude and becomes his trusted companion through his school days in the transitional and delicate period.

This book not only presents the do's and don'ts but also refines the habits and manners, creating a rich and endearing personality. It is an invaluable teaching aid for teachers and parents too. The success of this book depends considerably on the teacher's ability to discuss in depth each concept with the student and ensure that he not only understands it but also accepts and implements it. The process of learning includes knowing, understanding, accepting and doing or implementing a concept. The spirit and message of each new fact must permeate the child's personality and form his attitude and must also go into his daily life by turning that concept into action. The teacher must, through her continuous interaction, insist on this to draw maximum benefit from the book.

A sure key to success, this first book of the series in a graded form and in the child's own vocabulary, is a complete course in grooming and etiquette.

To enhance the value of the contents of the book we invite criticism and suggestions from parents and teachers.

New Delhi, June 1997

Safia Iqbal

TO THE TEACHER

The purpose of this introductory book at the age level of five to six years in Std. I, is to introduce the child to common Islamic words, terms, basic concepts and morals.

The children in this lower age-group below six are not able to read well. Hence, this book has less of the written word, more pictures and relies more on the teacher's oral presentation of each page. Hence you are advised to turn each page into a lesson and talk at length about the single word, sentence or idea given on a page.

The book also contains three lessons of questions and answers, one for each term. Each question of these 3 lessons should be turned into a lesson and a talk with a related, supporting story. Talk lightly about one question for a full period and put up the question and answer on the blackboard in the last ten minutes of the period for teaching.

Children like toys, bright colours, flowers, sweets and games. They like doing and seeing new things and playing new games (instead of writing or hearing). You must use these likes and tendencies of the children to your benefit. Use toys, colourful charts, flowers, sweets, games, new things and new styles as aids of teaching in every lesson. Make sure you use one aid in every lesson. That will ensure success for your teaching.

To use an interesting, new teaching aid in every lesson does the trick and works wonders with a naughty or academically weak class.

Prepare a shining, decorated chart for the lessons **PIOUS WORDS** in bold letters and hang it in the classroom. Children love flowers. Draw large flowers and write words like—Allah, Prophet and other pious words in the centre of the flowers.

After talking to the children about the concept on each page along with an aid, read out the lesson loudly and clearly. Then, let the children read the same. Be careful to ensure that they don't fall into the deadly trap of rote learning or cramming without understanding.

Turn the I.S. period into a welcome joy and a period of happiness for which they wait. Do practical work to include some fun-time in it. While teaching the hadees about the mother, prepare a gift-card with real flowers in it in the class and let each child present this to his parents.

The I.S. period should be kept in the period which is just before recess. The recess is a joy for children, and to link I.S. with it, creates a happy atmosphere.

There should be no written work or note-book of I.S. The examination should be oral upto Std. IV.

The book is framed in such a way that the lessons are naturally divided into 3 parts. The syllabus for each term ends with a lesson of questions and answers.

Slides and brief video shots may be shown to complement your teaching but not to substitute it. For example, when you plan to teach the word **KABAH**, you could show a video film of the Kabah and Haj for just 3 to 5 minutes.

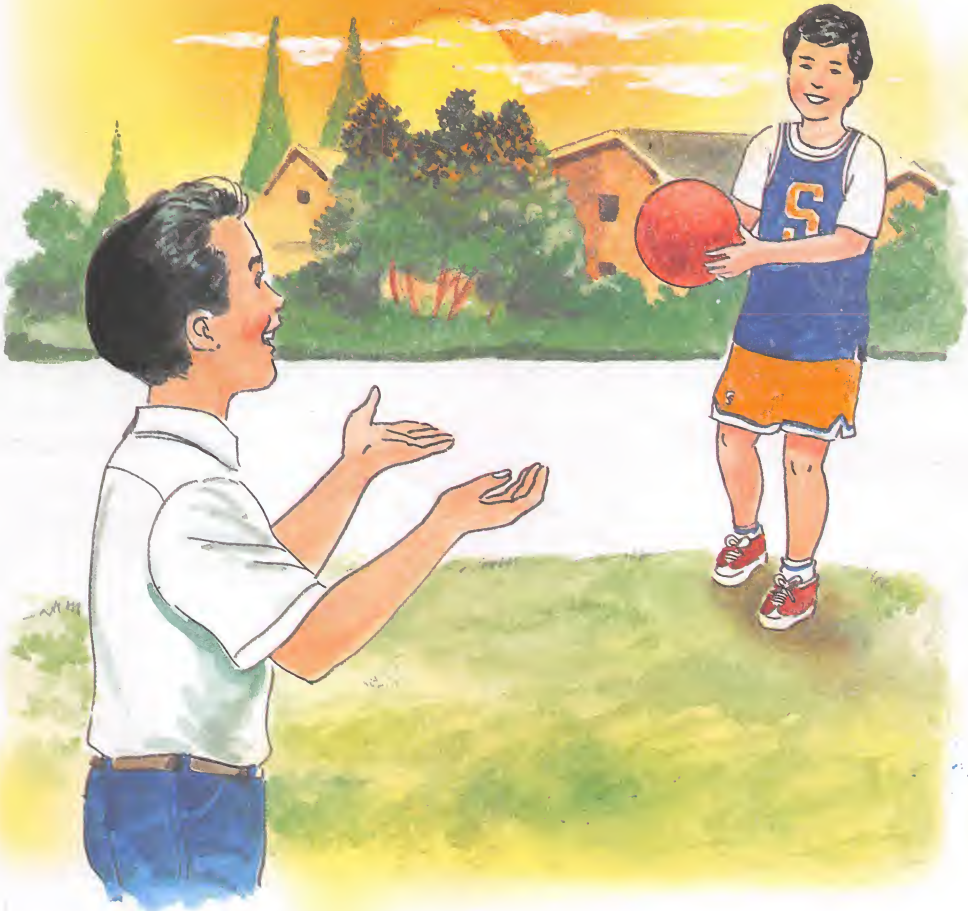
The Islamic Studies teacher must herself present a role-model and example of all that she teaches as the children are sharply observant. They are impressed quickly. They adopt equally quickly and unconsciously the teacher's habits, manners, style and even the tone of talking and the style of walking. Children copy. So, use this tendency of the children to your benefit by setting a good example yourself for them to copy.

Insist on the implementation of the morals you teach.

I begin all work
with these words:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim



I am Ahmad.
Assalamu Alaikum



Assalamu Alaikum Wa-Alaikumus-Salam



Kalimah

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Lailaha Illal Lahu
Muhammadur Rasulullah

There is no God but
Allah.

Muhammad is the
Prophet of Allah.

I say the **Kalimah**
before sleeping.
I sleep early.



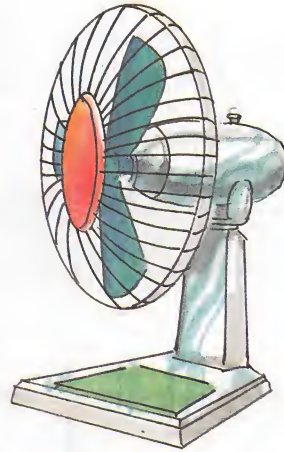
I sleep on my right side with my right hand under the cheek.



I get up early
in the morning.
I say the Kalimah
when I wake up.



Join the rhyming
pictures.



Allah made them all

Allah

Allah created me.

Allah created these
flowers.

Allah made this
butterfly.



Allah made this cat.



Allah made everything.

الله خالق



Allah is the Creator
or Khaaliq.

الله أكبر

Allah is my Lord.

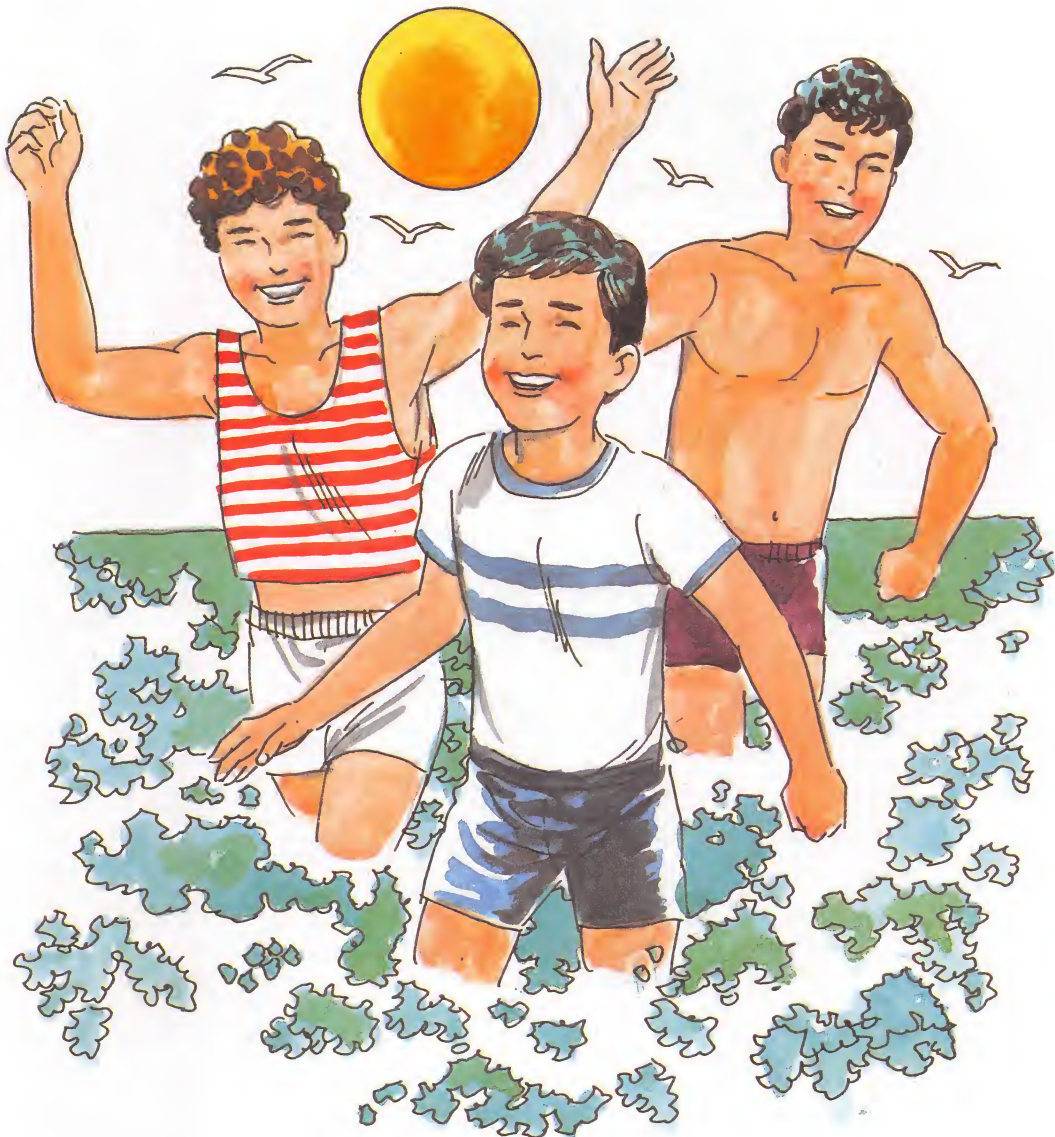




Muhammad is the
Prophet of Allah.

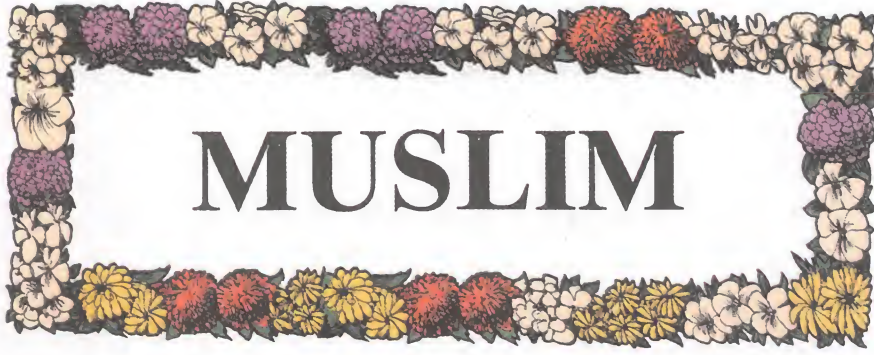
Sallallahu-alayhi-Wasallam.

I love Allah
and
I love Prophet
Muhammad.



The **Quran** is the
book of Allah.





MUSLIM

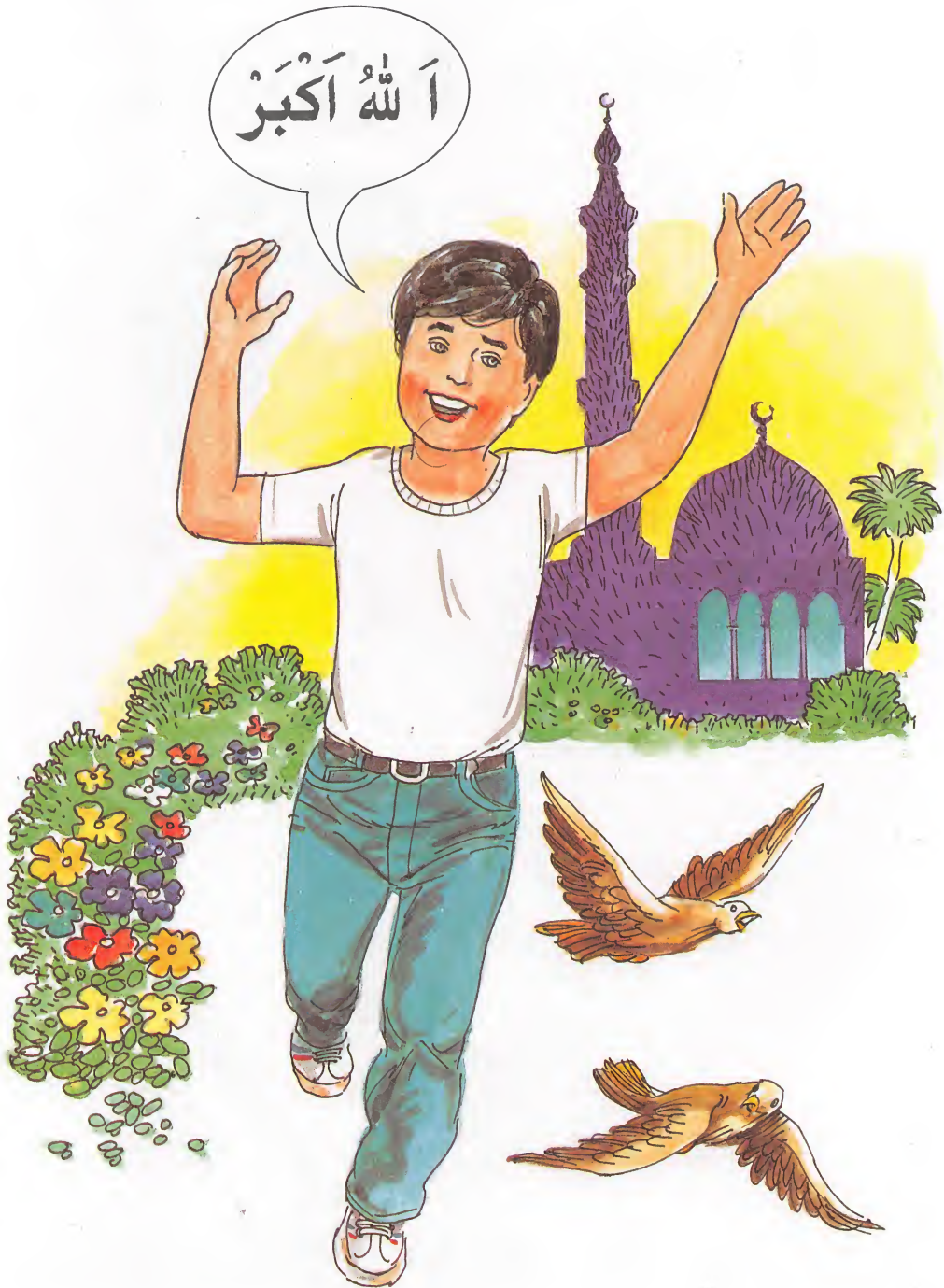
I am a Muslim



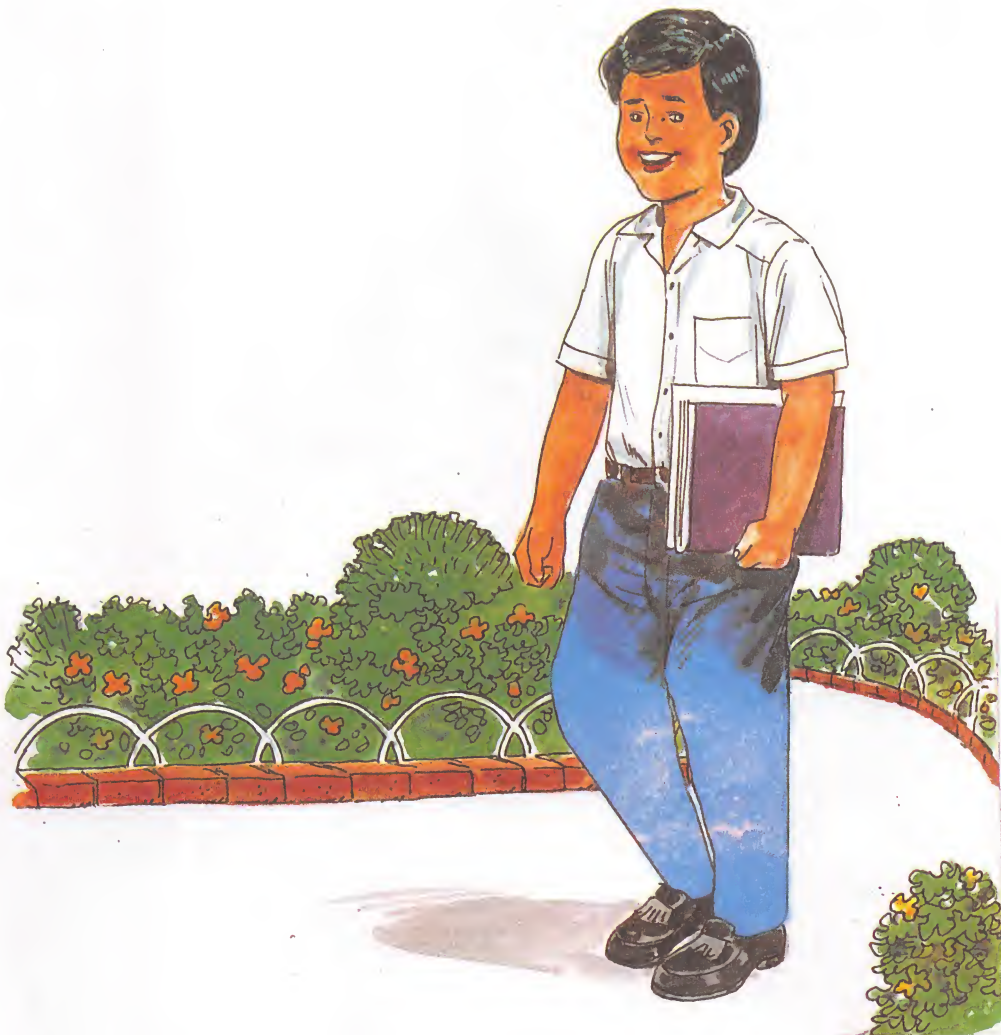
Islam is my religion.

Takbeer

Allahu Akbar.



I do not run while walking.
I walk carefully. I take strong
steps. I walk on the pavement at
the side of the road. I do not
run in the school.



I wash my hands
before eating. I say:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

before eating.

I eat well.



I drink water slowly. I drink it in 3 gulps. I say Bismillah before drinking water. I say Alhamdu Lillah after drinking water.



I say this dua after eating.



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا
وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

Dua for knowledge



Rabbi Zidni Ilma

I thank others with
these words:
Jazakallah, thank-you



Thank you Allah

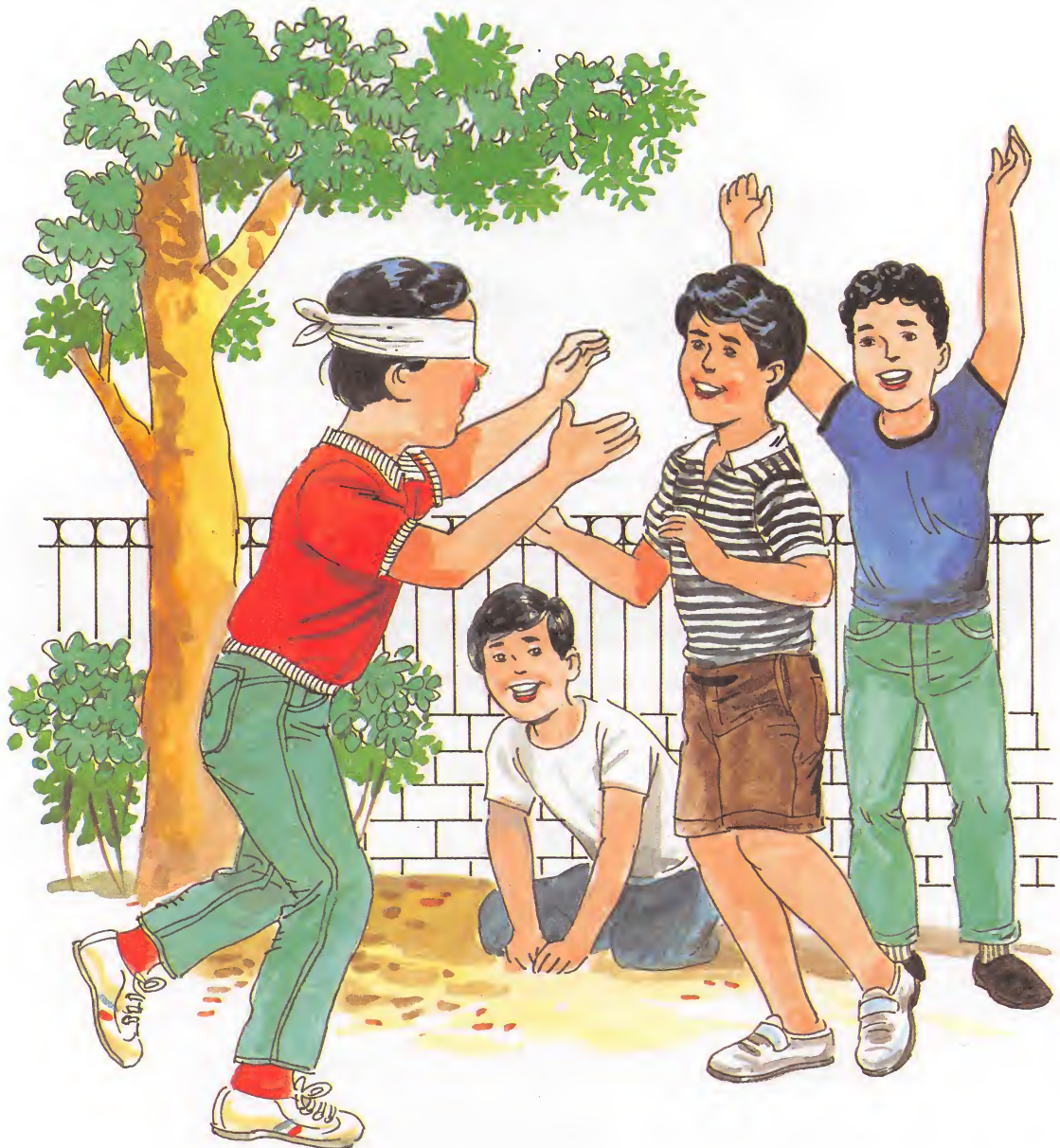


Thank you Allah

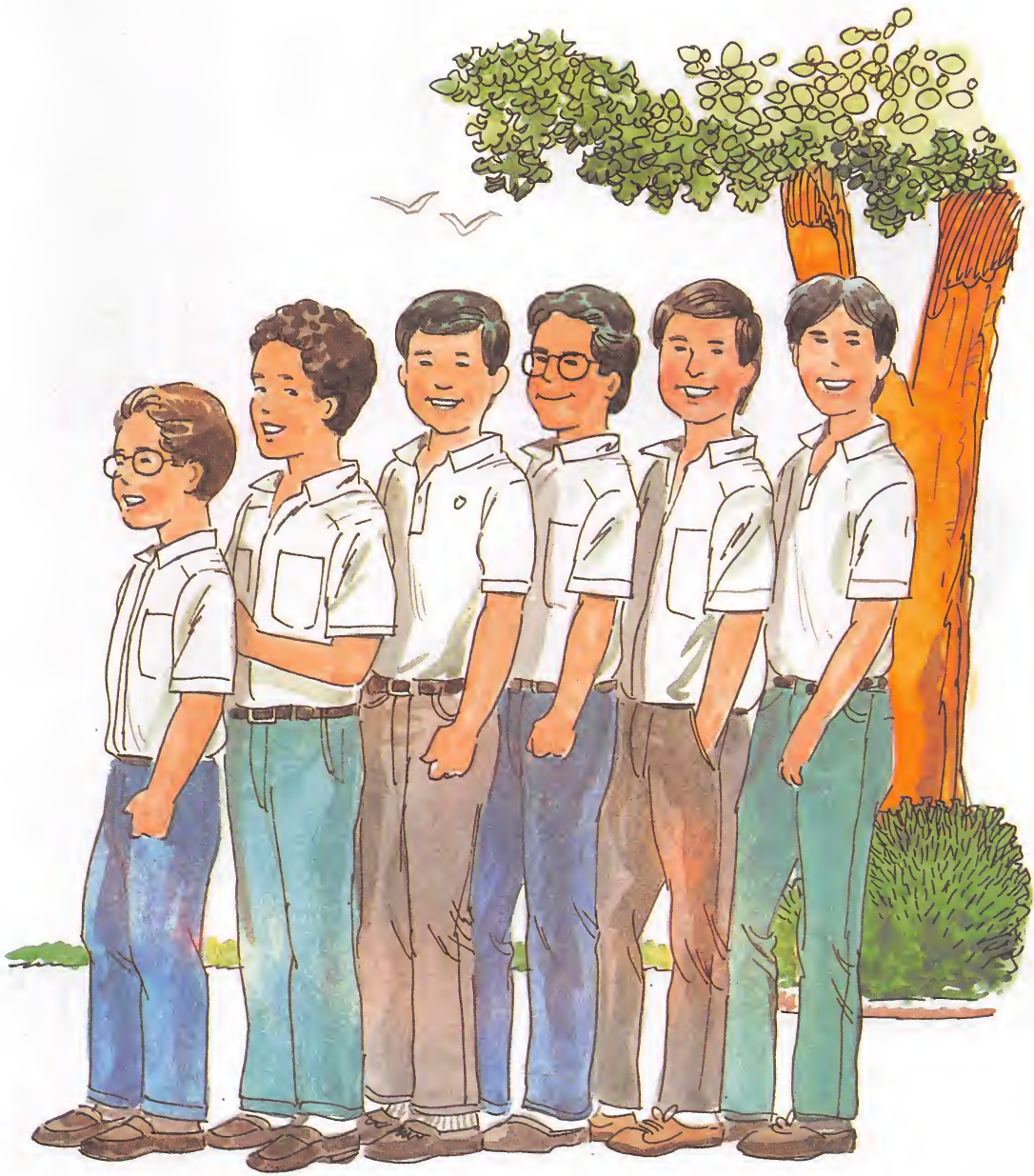
Thank you Allah for Father so dear
Thank you for Mother who wipes my tear
Thank you for the flowers too
Thank you for the sky so blue
Thank you for the toys I have
Thank you Allah for all I have.

All Muslims are brothers

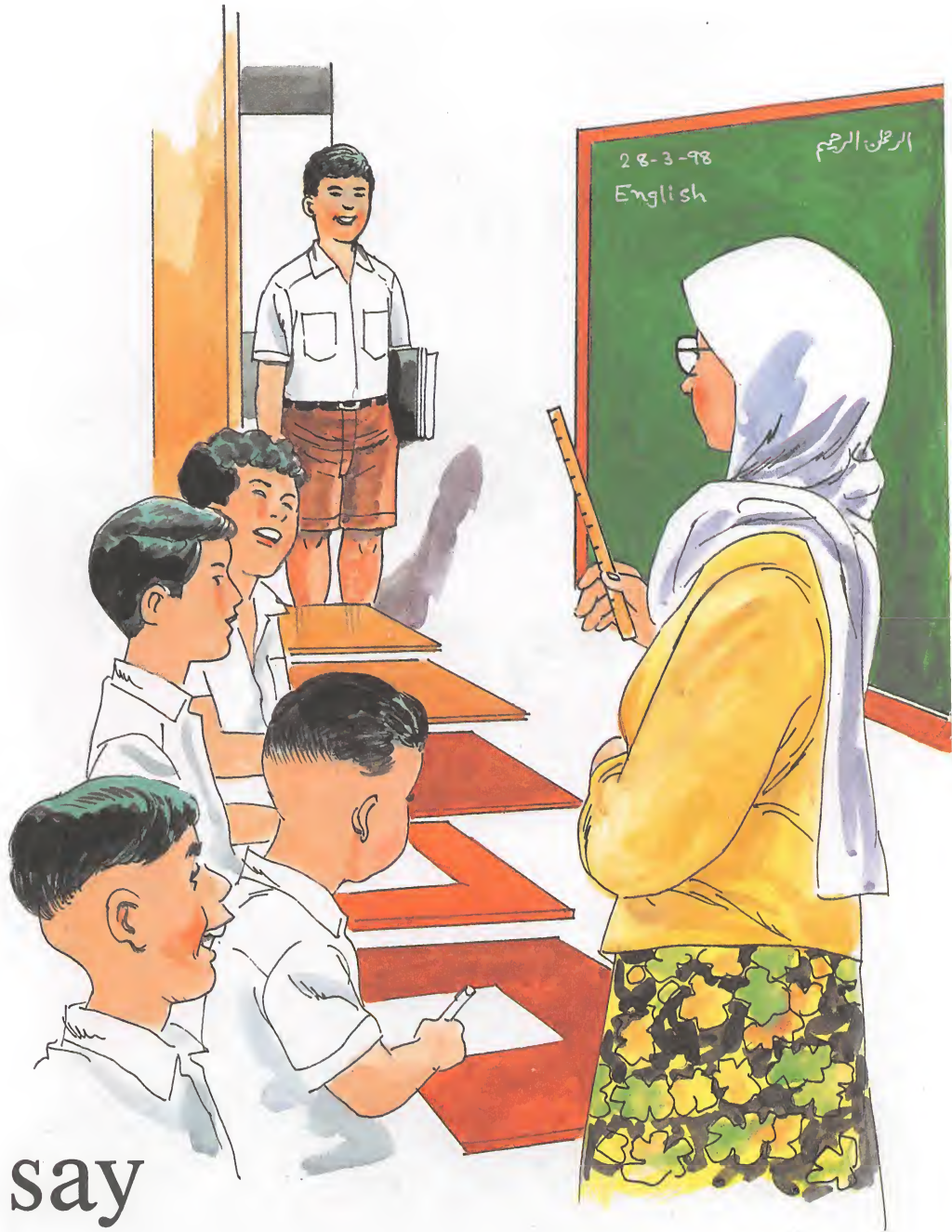
All Muslims are equal



We form a line.



I do not break the line.
The line is straight.



I say

“Please may I come in?”

OR

“Please excuse me,”
When I enter the
classroom.

I say sorry when I
make a mistake.

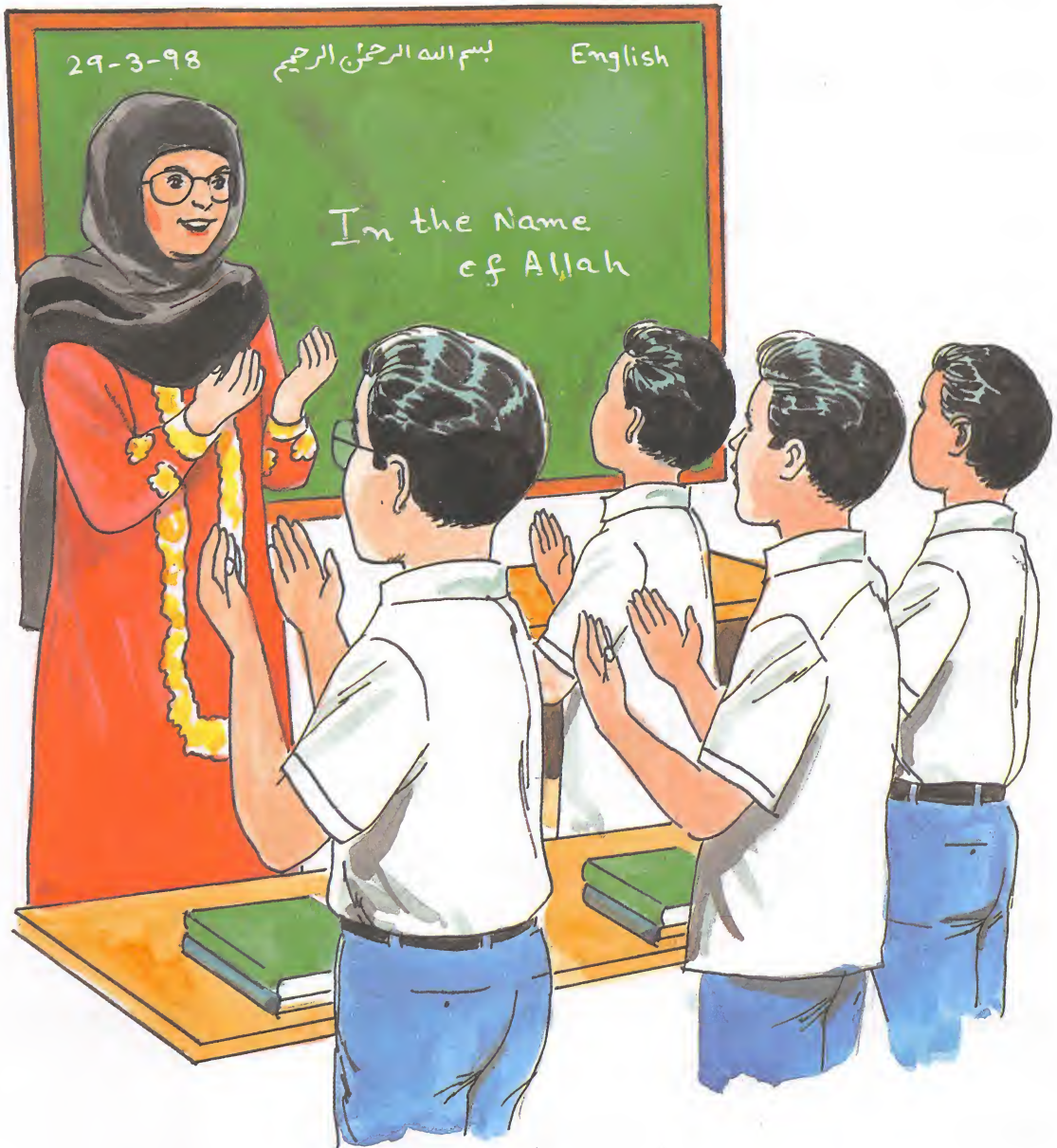


I obey my teacher.
I love her.
She loves me.



We say these words before
starting every study-period:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Revision

Question : Who are you?

Answer : I am a Muslim.

Question : Who made you?

Answer : Allah made me.

Question : Who made everything?

Answer : Allah made everything.

Question : Who is Allah?

Answer : Allah is our Creator.

Question : Is Allah one?

Answer : Yes, Allah is One.

Question : Where is Allah?

Answer : Allah is everywhere.
He is very close to me.

Question : What is your religion?

Answer : Islam.

Question : What do you say when you meet someone?

Answer : Assalamu Alaikum.

Question : What do you say when someone says Assalamu Alaikum to you?

Answer : Wa-Alaikumus-Salam.

Question : What do you say after saying Assalamu Alaikum?

Answer : I say, "How are you?"

Question : What do you say when someone says "How are you?"

Answer : Alhamdu Lillah, fine, thank-you.

Question : What will you say to thank others?

Answer : Jazakallah, thank you.

Question : Do you thank Allah?

Answer : Yes, I thank Allah for all His gifts.

Question : Recite the Kalimah.

Answer : La Ilaha Illallahu Muhammadur Rasoolullah.

Question : Who is Prophet Muhammad (SAW)?

Answer : Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the Prophet of Allah.

Question : What do you say before doing any work?

Answer : Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

Question : What do you say before sleeping and after waking up?

Answer : The kalimah.

Question : What is the Quran?

Answer : The Quran is the book of Allah.

Question : To whom was the Quran given?

Answer : To Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Question : Recite the Takbeer.

Answer : Allahu Akbar.

Question : How do you walk?

Answer : I walk carefully. I do not run. I walk at the side of the road.

Question : What do you do before eating?

Answer : I wash my hands and say Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim before eating.

Question : How do you drink water?

Answer : I drink water slowly in three gulps.

Question : What dua do you say after food? Find out.

Question : What is the dua for getting knowledge?
Find out.

Question : What do you say before entering the
classroom?

Answer : I say, "Please may I come in?"

Question : Are all Muslims equal?

Answer : Yes, all Muslims are equal.

Question : What do you say when you make a mistake?

Answer : I am sorry.

Question : Do you love and obey your teacher?

Answer : Yes, I love and obey my teacher.

Question : Does your teacher love you?

Answer : Yes, my teacher loves me.

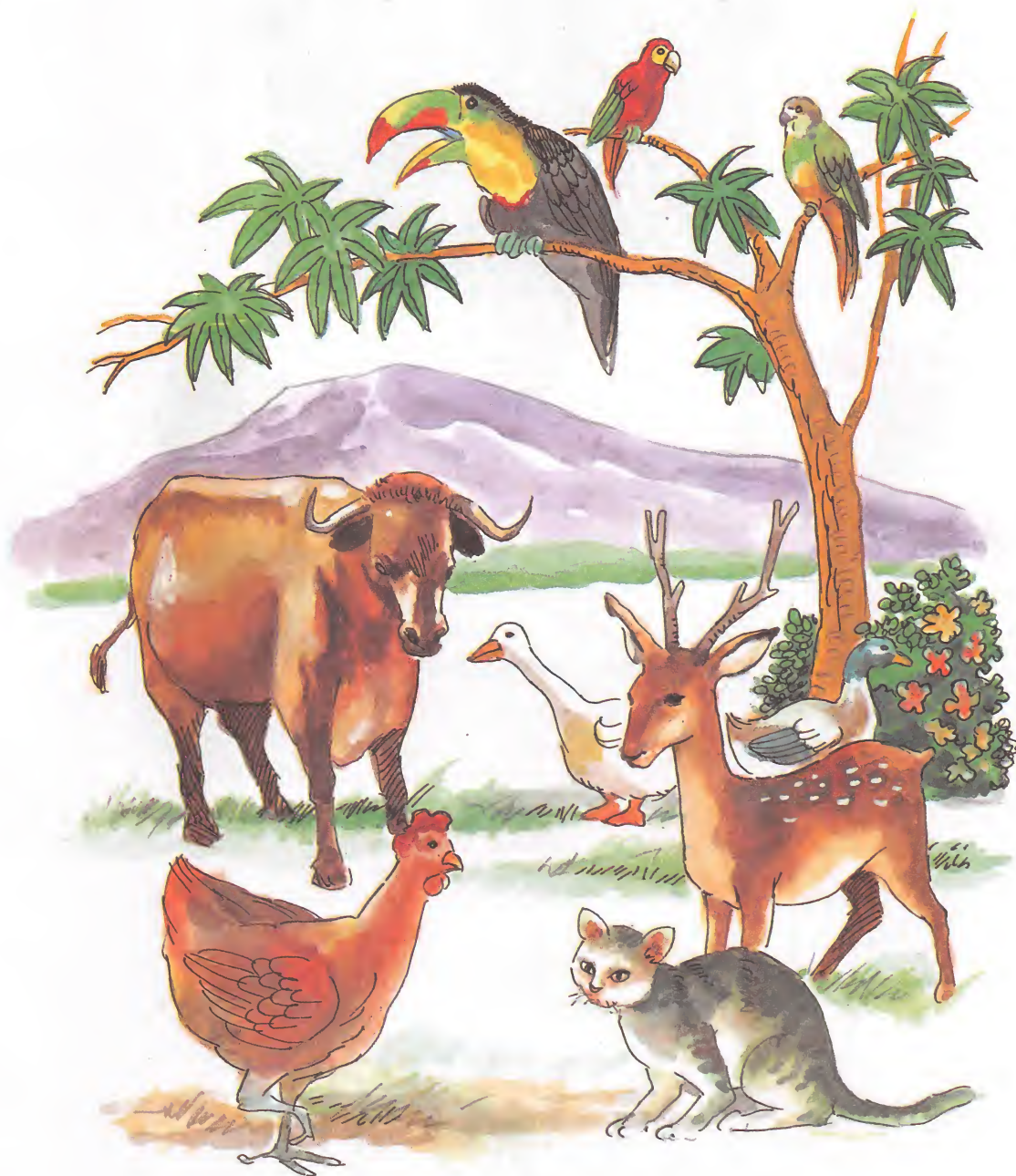
Question : What dua do you say before every study
period? Find out.

SALAT

We all pray to Allah
Salat means to pray.



Animals and birds
also pray. Everything
prays to Allah.



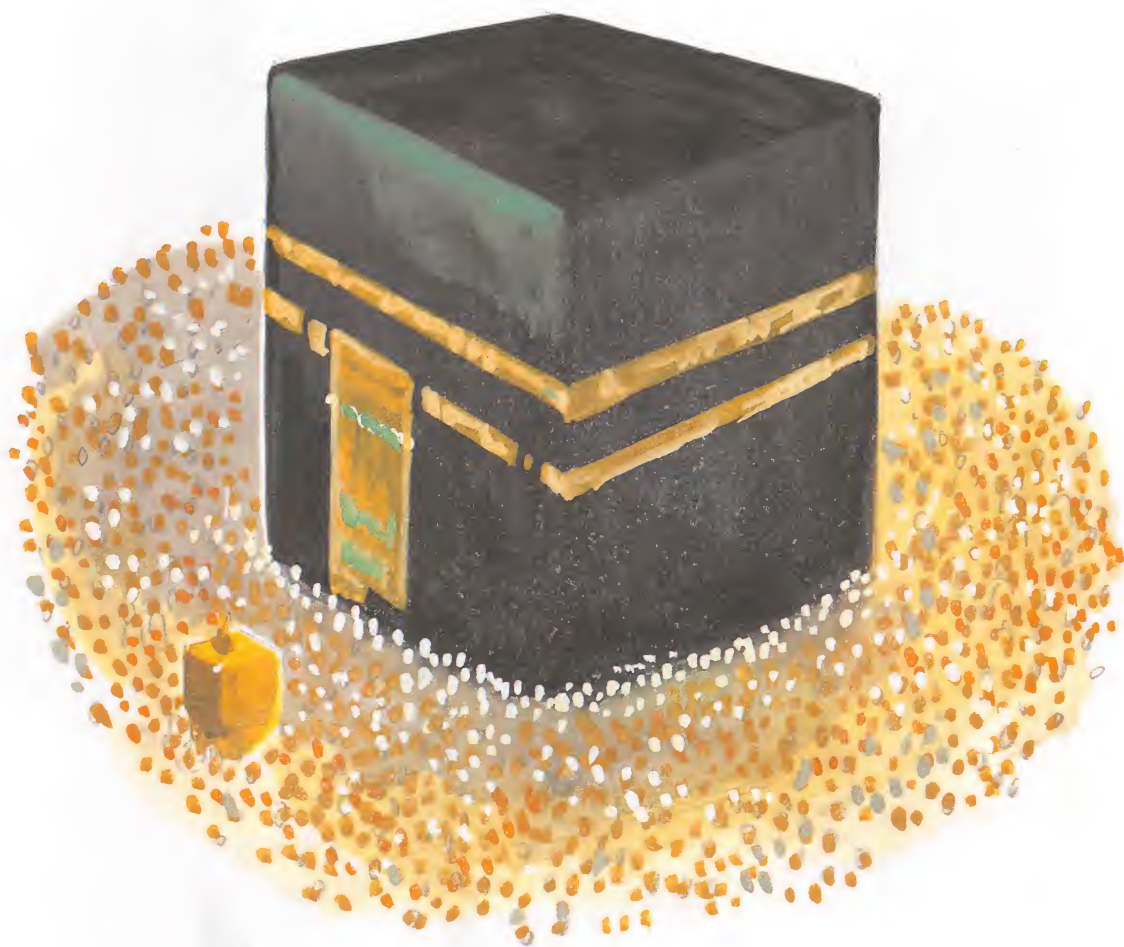
I observe Sawm in
Ramadan.



Colour this word.

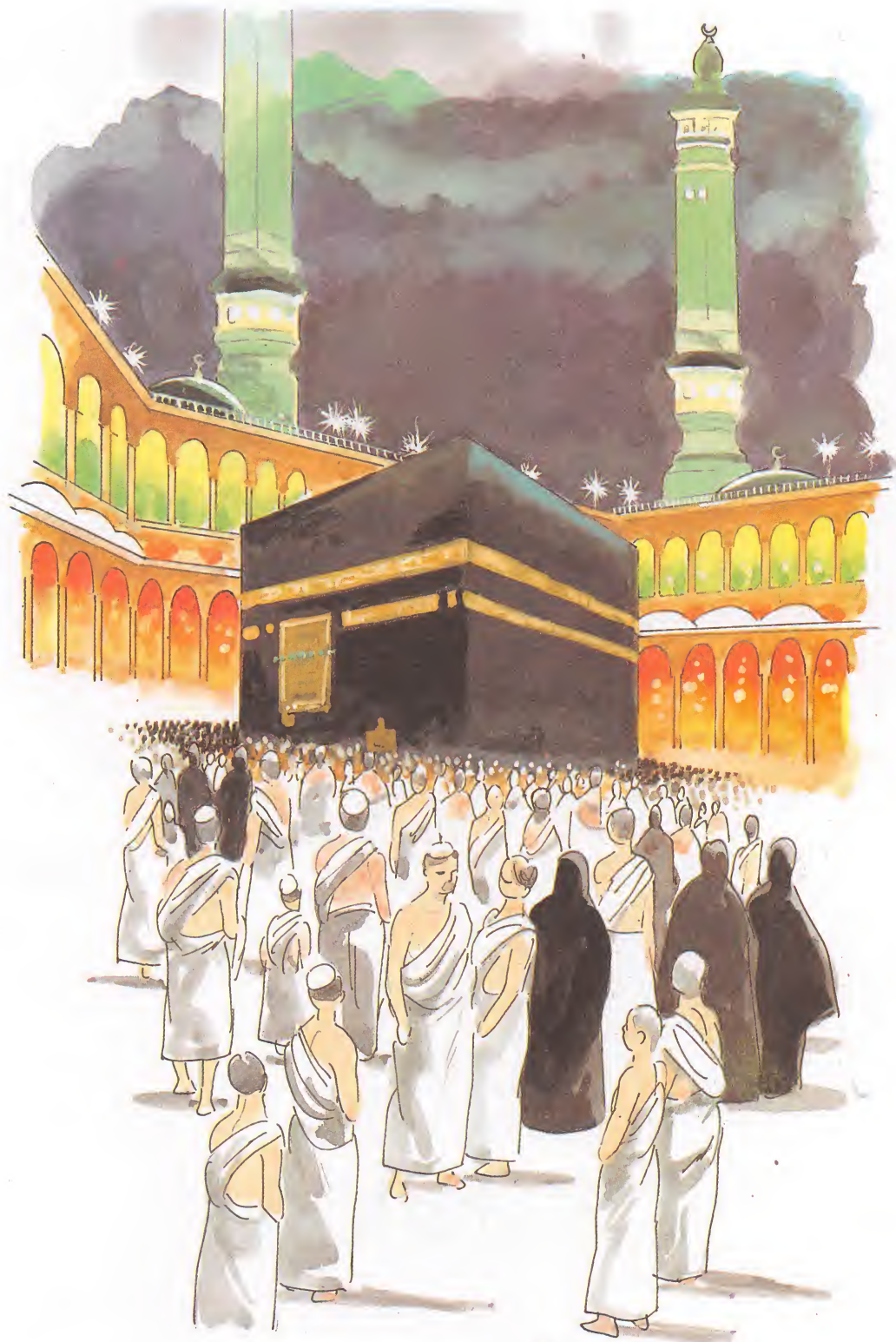
SAWM

The **Kabah** is my Qiblah.



Kabah

We go to the Kabah
for Haj.



ZAKAT

We help the poor.
We give them money.
We give them Zakat.





I say this dua when I
go out.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

I do not go out alone.

I do not go out at night.

Write these words in the
toffees and colour them:

Allah, Salat, Zakat,
Sawm, Haj



PIOUS WORDS

Bismillah

Allahu Akbar

Alhamdu Lillah

Allah

Kalimah

Subhan Allah

Masha Allah

Jazakallah

Prophet Muhammad
(S.A.W)

Assalamu Alaikum

Salat

Zakat

Sawm

Haj

Hadees

Iman

Astaghfirullah

Fi-amanillah

Dua

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا

حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

حَسَنَةً وَوَقِّنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

I say this Dua everyday
at home and in the school
after the last period at
home time.

I tell the truth.



Allah does not like
those who tell lies.

Revision

Question : What is salat?

Answer : Salat means to pray to Allah.

Question : How do we talk to Allah?

Answer : We talk to Allah through salat.

Question : How does Allah talk to us?

Answer : Allah talks to us through the Quran.

Question : Does everything pray to Allah?

Answer : Yes.

Question : Do animals and birds also pray to Allah?

Answer : Yes.

Question : What is Sawm?

Answer : Sawm means to fast.

Question : What is the Qiblah?

Answer : The Qiblah is the direction towards which we pray.

Question : Which is our Qiblah?

Answer : The Kabah is our Qiblah

Question : Where do we go for Haj

Answer : We go to the Kabah for Haj.

Question : What is Zakat?

Answer : Zakat is the money we give to help the poor.

Question : Which dua do you say before going out of the house? Find out.

Question : How do you talk?

Answer : I talk slowly and clearly. I do not shout.

Question : What do you say when you sneeze?

Answer : Alhamdu Lillah.

Question : What do you say when someone sneezes?

Answer : Yarhamukallah

Question : Which dua do you say everyday at home and also in the school after the last period?

Answer : Rabbana atina... (Complete dua).

Question : Who is our One and Only master and King?
Answer : Allah.

Question : Whom should we try to please?
Answer : Allah only.

Question : Who is a Prophet?
Answer : A Prophet is a messenger of Allah.

Question : Who was the first Prophet?
Answer : Prophet Adam (AS).

Question : Who was the last Prophet?
Answer : Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Question : Who are angels?
Answer : Angels are servants of Allah.

Question : Who brought the Quran from Allah to Prophet Muhammad?
Answer : Angel Jibrail.

Question : Can an angel be God?

Answer : No.

Question : Can a Prophet be God?

Answer : No.

Question : Can any man or thing be God?

Answer : No.

Question : How can you be clean?

Answer : I can be clean by brushing my teeth,
taking a bath, cutting my nails and
wearing clean clothes.

Question : How do you clean your uniform?

Answer : I wash and iron my uniform everyday.

Question : Do you tell the truth?

Answer : Yes, I tell the truth.

Shahadah

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ



I bear witness that there is
no God but Allah and I bear
witness that Muhammad is
the Prophet of Allah.

Surah-al-Ikhlās

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ ١

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ ٢

لَمْ يَلِدْ ۝ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ ٣

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝ ٤

Surah-al-Fatihah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ^١ الرَّحْمَنِ

الرَّحِيمِ^٢ مُلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ^٣

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ^٤

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ^٥ صِرَاطَ

الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ

الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ^٦

Hadees

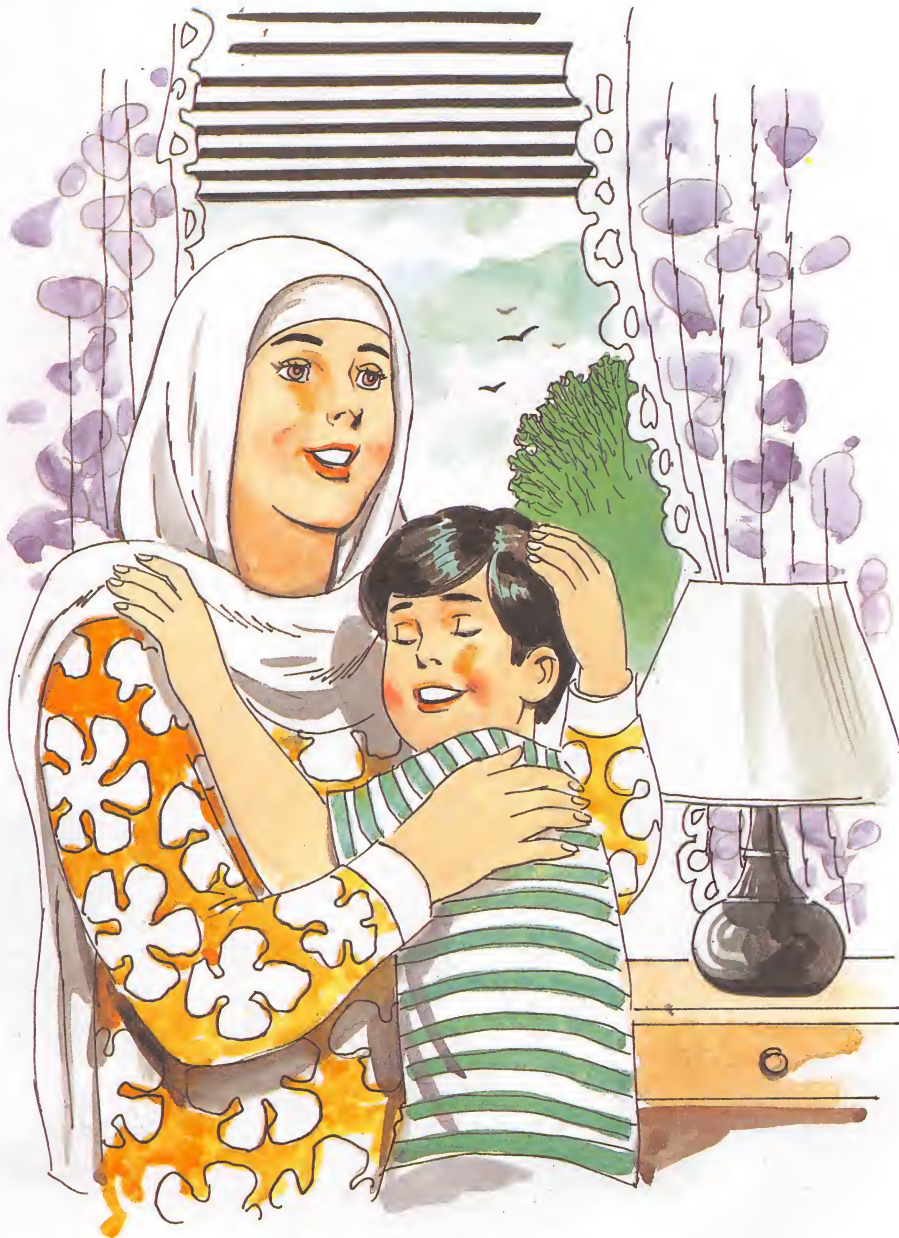


A hadees means the words of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.).



HADEES

“Heaven lies below
the mother’s feet.”



I love my mother.

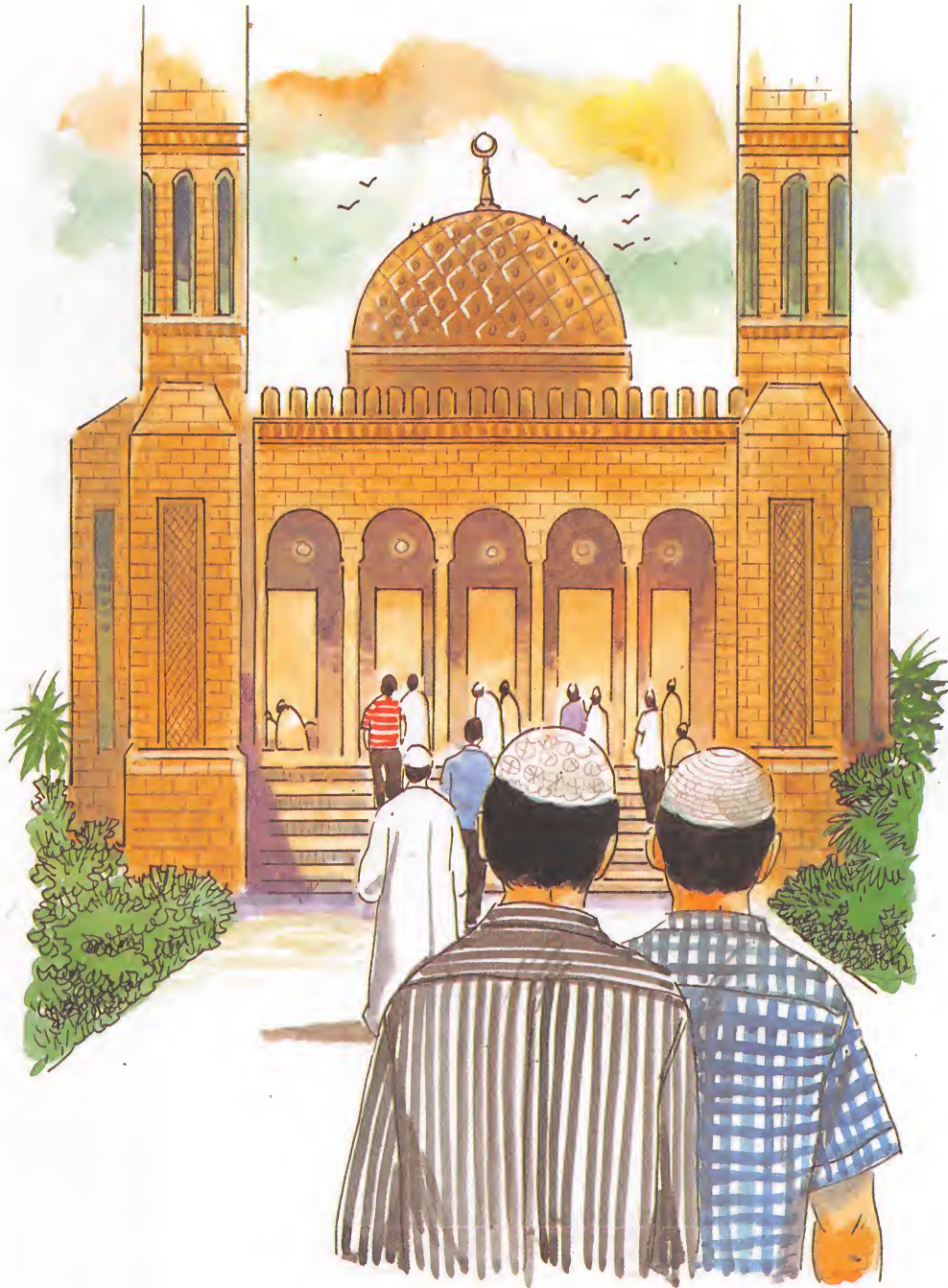
HADEES

Salat is light.



I say this dua when
I enter the mosque.

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِيْ اَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ



HADEES

Cleanliness is half
the faith.



I am clean.

HADEES
Children are the
flowers of heaven.



Children are good.

Revision

Question : What is the meaning of the Kalimah?

Answer : The Kalimah means: There is no God but Allah, Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah.

Question : What is the Kalimah Shahadah?

Answer : Ash-hadu-an-la-Ilaha-Illallah -wa-ash-hadu-anna- Muhammadar-rasoolullah.

: Recite Surah Ikhlas.

: Recite Surah Fatihah.

Question : What is hadees?

Answer : A hadees means the words of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Question : Recite a hadees about mother.

Answer : Hadees. "Heaven lies below the mother's feet".

Question : Recite a hadees about cleanliness.

Answer : Hadees: "Cleanliness is half the faith".

Question : Recite a hadees about salat.

Answer : Hadees: "Salat is light".

- Question* : Which dua do you say when you enter the mosque?
- Answer* : Allahummaftahli-abwaba-rahmatika.
- Question* : Recite a hadees about children.
- Answer* : Hadees: "Children are the flowers of heaven."
- Question* : What do you say to everyone at home before sleeping?
- Answer* : Fi-amanillah.
- Question* : What kind of friends do you have?
- Answer* : I have good friends only.
- Question* : What is the meaning of Islam?
- Answer* : Islam means peace and obedience to Allah.
- Question* : How do you behave with your parents?
- Answer* : I am humble and soft with my parents.
- Question* : Who should you pray to?
- Answer* : I should pray to Allah only.
- Question* : What is 'Shirk'?
- Answer* : 'Shirk' means to pray or bow to others and to make them Allah's partners.
- Question* : Why must you pray to Allah alone?
- Answer* : I must pray to Allah alone because He made us.

Question : Why do you obey Allah?

Answer : I obey Allah to get joy, success and peace.

Question : How do you obey Allah?

Answer : By following the Quran and the Sunnah.

Question : What is **Sunnah**?

Answer : Sunnah means the ways of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Question : Does Allah force us to obey Him?

Answer : No.

Question : Why did Allah make you?

Answer : Allah made me to test me and see if I am good or bad.

Question : Are you good or bad?

Answer : I am good.

Question : What is your aim in life?

Answer : My aim is to live as Allah told me to live and to make Allah happy.

Question : Which are the 5 basic beliefs of a Muslim?

Answer : A Muslim believes in - One God, angels, books of Allah, Prophets of Allah and life after death.